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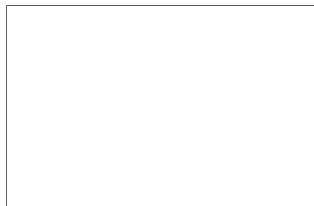
National Intelligence Council

15 November 1982

NOTE FOR: Harry Rowen
C/NIC

Harry —

As you will note from my attached memo for the record, I have a somewhat different perspective on the "do-ability" of a "proliferated work" assessment as requested of the DCI by Secretary Shultz. We can discuss at your convenience.



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12 November 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

FROM:

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Deputy Director of Scientific and Weapons Research

SUBJECT: Portraying Life in a Proliferated World

REFERENCE: DCI Memorandum "How to Live in a Proliferated
World," 5 November 1982

1. On 10 November we held a brainstorming session to develop ideas about conducting an assessment of Life in a Proliferated World. Included were nuclear proliferation specialists from various offices in the Directorate, [redacted] from the NIC, and an analytical methodology specialist from CPAS. Several ideas were considered during wide-ranging discussions of the problem and how to approach it. There was no consensus on the best way to respond to the Director's request. There was a consensus on one point: that the pitfalls encountered in previous attempts to tackle this issue comprehensively still remain. Very little has been done externally in this area to date, probably because the simplification of world models necessary for individuals to deal with the subject detracts from the reliability or usefulness of the ultimate conclusions. (S)

2. Several years ago (Carter administration) OSWR (then OSI) put together a ten year list of future milestones in nuclear proliferation-- important events that would affect US nuclear proliferation interests and when they would be likely to occur. This paper was done for (and well received by) State in order to give them a better understanding of the kind of decision points they would be facing down the road in nuclear proliferation policy and when these decisions would have to be made. Although not a "proliferated world" paper as such, it could be updated and the national security aspects could be fleshed out to provide a first step in responding to the Director's request. (S)

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3. The broader subject of Life in a Proliferated World could be addressed in several ways--some more ambitious than others. The attached list identifies possible projects in order of increasing levels of effort, likely payoff, and time required. In my view we should either do only the milestone paper update mentioned above as the most useful near term (Feb 83) thing that could be done or go to the building block approach (18 months) if we want to give it our best shot. (S)

4. The milestone paper could and should be done in the DDI, without problem as far as I can tell. The comprehensive, building block effort would best be carried out under NIC auspices because of the many community equities involved. (U)



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10 November 1982

NOTE FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Secretary Shultz's Idea for Assessment of How to Live in a Proliferated World

At Bob Gates' request, [] convened a meeting this afternoon (chaired by [] of several DDI analysts to discuss approaches that might be taken on the subject. [] will report results to Gates who, in turn, will respond to the DCI's 5 November request to look into the matter. I suggested the following steps:

- The DDI take on the task of "structuring" the "proliferated world," i.e., its time frame and the countries that will be presumed to have military capabilities and some descriptions of these, and something on how they may have gotten there.
- Someone like [] then be asked to draft a paper covering US security requirements and options in such a world.
- Last step: draft to be reviewed and coordinated within the Community given the substantial equities in the assessment of the Departments of Defense and State.

The project could be well-suited for packaging and dissemination as an Interagency Intelligence Memorandum (IIM).

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Acting NIO/AL

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